

11-6-2008

The Hilltop 11-6-2008

Hilltop Staff

Follow this and additional works at: https://dh.howard.edu/hilltop_0010

Recommended Citation

Staff, Hilltop, "The Hilltop 11-6-2008" (2008). *The Hilltop: 2000 - 2010*. 548.
https://dh.howard.edu/hilltop_0010/548

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the The Hilltop Digital Archive at Digital Howard @ Howard University. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Hilltop: 2000 - 2010 by an authorized administrator of Digital Howard @ Howard University. For more information, please contact lopez.matthews@howard.edu.

WEATHER

 **66**
52
Tomorrow:
 **70**
52

Established
1924



THE HILLTOP

The Daily Student Voice of Howard University

VOLUME 92, NO. 53

WWW.THEHILLTOPONLINE.COM

Thursday, November 6, 2008

Thursday's Notebook**BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY**

BIG BUSINESS HAS BEEN COMFORTABLE UNDER BUSH; HOWEVER, PRESIDENT-ELECT BARACK OBAMA MAY HAVE CHANGES AHEAD.

METRO

SOME STUDENTS WERE WORRIED THAT ABSENTEE VOTES DID NOT COUNT AS REGULAR VOTES

LIFE & STYLE

THE UPKEEP OF ACRYLIC NAILS IS IMPORTANT. FIND OUT WAYS TO KEEP YOUR NAILS LOOKING CLEAN AND HEALTHY.

PAGE 4

PAGE 5

PAGE 6

'Gridlock' Addresses Crime On Campus, Prevention

BY TAHIRAH HAIRSTON
Staff Writer

With the 12 robberies and two rapes that have happened on Howard University's campus since the beginning of the semester, 13 concerned freshman students gathered in the Biology auditorium to voice their feelings about safety on campus.

"The Gridlock" was an open discussion about crime on campus. The College of Arts and Sciences Official Freshman Campus Board hosted the event.

Lieutenant Bryan Jones and freshman undecided major Amiri James were the panelists for this discussion.

Jones has been with the campus police for about a year and was a victim of a robbery on the Yard at gunpoint just three weeks into the start of school.

"This is very alarming to me, especially the rapes," Jones said. "I have two daughters who are coming here next semester and, of all crimes, rape really bothers me, just the act itself."

Lots of students are concerned about the visibility of officers on campus due to all the crime that is occurring right around the area they live. According to Jones, there is a higher visibility of officers this year and also a SAT team, which is an undercover team whose job is to catch criminals.

"If there was at least one campus police, the robbery would have been prevented or they [the robbers] would have thought twice about coming up to us," James said.

Jones noted that there are to be improvements to the safety system, such as repairing and updating the orange call boxes on campus and the camera surveillance in areas such as the Yard.

But, the students were con-

cerned about what could be done now with the improvement of safety on their campus.

"Campus police is being run by human beings," said Jones. "I would be lying to you if I said no one else is ever going to get robbed or raped. Crime is still going to happen."

He continued, "Crime moves and crime changes. There are no absolutes or guarantees."

Major complaints of the

"Those officers that are found sleeping are taken care of swiftly," Jones said. "If you see a cop not doing what he was supposed to do, please let us know immediately."

He continued, "As campus police, it is not just our job to police, but also our job to assist with customer service."

Students who had problems with the police officers who were sleeping and not doing their jobs are also concerned about their replacement because of the hiring freeze.

According to Jones, the hiring freeze is because of the economic crisis.

"If you get a couple of cops that are extremely dedicated, people will feel safe because they know that the cops are doing their job and looking out for their safety," said Michael Sesay, a freshman biology major.

As far as the deployment of more police officers, Jones said that if they move police officers from certain spots, crime would move also.

"We try to be aware about what crime is going on outside of campus also, because if there is a robbery on Florida Avenue, then the crime is likely to move," Jones said.

With the recent break-ins of student cars in the parking lots, Jones said that, "There is an increase in officer presence in the parking lots and also an increase in SAT teams and their deployment to deter crime."

After hearing all of the comments and concerns from the students, Jones plans to take the suggestions and sit down and discuss what is to be done and if this is feasible with the Chief.

"You are not at home; a lot of students are acting ignorant toward the environment that they are in," said Danielle Charles, a freshman finance major. "You are not at home use common sense."



Chief of Police Leroy James offered his plans for the new and improved department.

students were about squad cars not being outside of the dorms, the hiring freeze amongst campus police and the campus escort service.

"Because there is a hiring shortage, that should not be an excuse in why you got robbed; like you said all you need was one police officer to prevent your robbery," Jones said.

Freshman international business major, Willie Mayes, noted that there is not a squad car outside of Drew Hall when there are people getting robbed right outside in the courtyard. He also said that he has seen campus police who were sleeping and doing other irrelevant things besides fighting crime.

Florida Avenue, then the crime is likely to move," Jones said.

With the recent break-ins of student cars in the parking lots, Jones said that, "There is an increase in officer presence in the parking lots and also an increase in SAT teams and their deployment to deter crime."

After hearing all of the comments and concerns from the students, Jones plans to take the suggestions and sit down and discuss what is to be done and if this is feasible with the Chief.

"You are not at home; a lot of students are acting ignorant toward the environment that they are in," said Danielle Charles, a freshman finance major. "You are not at home use common sense."

Non-Voters Contribute to Obama's Historical Win

BY LAKENDRA SMITH
Contributing Writer

Voter registration restrictions have hindered many people from voting. Some of those people refuse to be unheard, although they can't physically cast a vote.

Leah Acevero, a junior international business major from Trinidad and Tobago, cannot vote because she is not a citizen of the United States.

Determined to get her voice heard, Acevero registered in Sen. Barack Obama's (D-Ill.) campaign and made monetary donations for the campaign in her neighborhood.

"It's frustrating because you want to vote, but can't," Acevero said.

Many people across the country hold the same position as Acevero, and although those individuals are unable to vote, many of them volunteer to help the candidate of their choice become president.

"Even though I am not able to vote, I am still able to contribute," Acevero said.

While campaigning for Obama, Acevero and other volunteers in her neighborhood, implemented an informational program for those who support Obama and others who want to know more about his

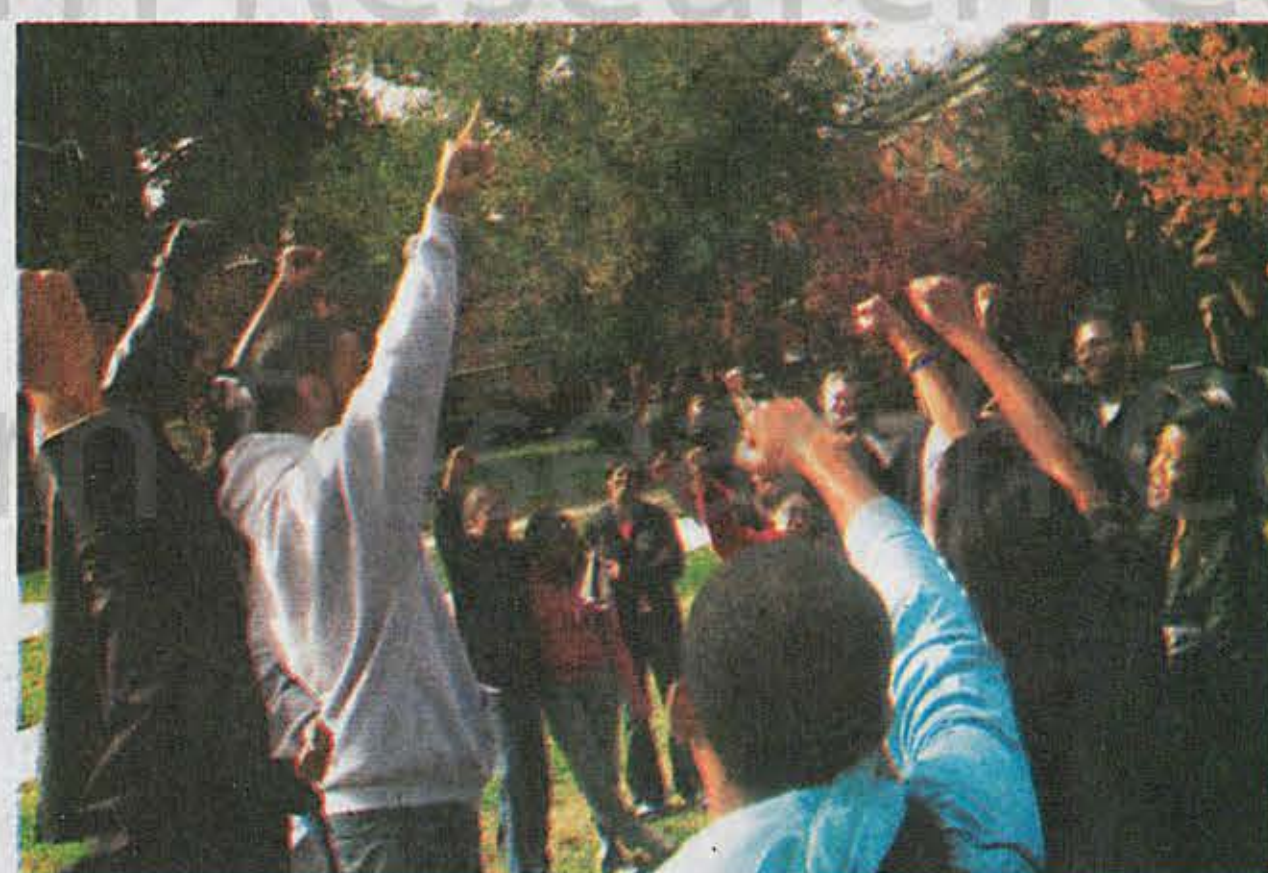
policies and what he wants to do as president.

After going door-to-door throughout complexes in the neighborhood, the turnout at the program was successful. Acevero said the program was successful in convincing some undecided voters to vote for Obama. "If you can't vote, you still have a part to play. It goes back to the times black people couldn't vote, but they still had a part to play in the election," Acevero said.

According to the Institute of International Education, there are over 500 million international students in the United States, most of which are unable to vote. Also amongst those who can't vote in the United States, there are over two million ex-offenders according to HumanRightsWatch.org, not to mention the millions who are under the voting age of 18 who still fight to be heard during election time.

"When asked who I'm voting for, I say, I can not vote but I'm supporting Obama. Supporting is technically my vote," Acevero said.

Every election year, passionate people get left out of actually casting a ballot. Those like Acevero do not let registration restrictions hinder them from making a difference, especially in a campaign of this historical magnitude.



Students Reflect on History

After a night of celebrating, students gathered around the flagpole yesterday at noon to share their thoughts and reactions to President Barack Obama's victorious campaign. What began as a chain text message quickly morphed into about 30 students standing in a semicircle and reflecting on history unfolding in their lifetime.

One by one, students spontaneously came forward from the crowd to speak.

"That flag truly means something to me today," said junior Shelley Bruce an African-American studies and painting double-major. "It is a monumental day for not only us, but the world."

Junior legal communications major, Angela Porter echoed the sentiment, "When I woke up this morning, I felt for the first time that I am an American. That I have a stake in the governance of this country."

Senior sociology major Alona Sisterunk shared her joy in seeing Michelle Obama, "a beautiful black woman with a full figure and hoop earrings" grace the stage as the new First Lady. Peter Carr, a senior political science major, reminded everyone that just as President Obama earned his honor, we must earn ours through responsibility as students and citizens. HUSA president Nick Owen lead the crowd through the chorus of Nas' "The World Is Yours," and stressed the importance of accountability. For senior advertising major Jabari Johnson, election night was bittersweet.

"As Barack Obama was entering the White House, my cousin was entering a jail cell," he explained to the crowd emotionally. His cousin left behind a ten year-old brother who wants to be a cartoonist someday. "To have Barack in office is just incredible. It gives him hope... to see someone on that kind of path that looks just like him."

The crowd dispersed around 1 p.m. after talks about a march to the National Mall for the inauguration ceremony in January, and raising their fists for a round of "Lift Ev'ry Voice."

Jazelle Hunt, Staff Photographer

Electrifying Election Soured by Defeat in the Gay Rights Movement

Voters approve law that bans gay marriage

BY OMARI EVANS
Staff Writer

On the same night Barack Obama became America's President-Elect, a proposition was approved amongst voters to ban gay marriage in California, called Proposition 8.

"It's a bittersweet moment because we just experienced the first black president to be elected," said Victoria Kirby, Howard University's Undergraduate Trustee. "At the same time, you're seeing a huge massacre of human rights."

The measure, which overrides a recent court decision legalizing gay marriage in the state, currently leads in votes by 52 percent to 48 percent, with 96 percent of precincts reporting.

The Los Angeles Times called the race in favor of the proposition.

Political Scientist Dr. Wilmer Leon weighed in on why Proposition 8 passed and its potential impact on the nation.

"I think Proposition 8 passed in California because a lot of people have a misconception of California," Dr. Leon said. "They see California as a liberal state. Northern California is a fairly liberal part of the state. Southern California tends to be a very conserva-

tive part of the state. Orange County is where the John Burg Society came from. Ronald Reagan and his conservatism came out of Southern California."

He continued, "So people figured that, 'Oh, California, being a liberal state, is going to vote to pass gay marriage.' No, the majority of people in California are not nearly as liberal as the perception of them is."

"I think this was a huge, huge hit for the gay marriage movement, for propositions for several other states," said Dr. Leon.

"I think people figured that California would lead the charge and seeing that it is fatal, it is going to make it more difficult for other states to pass similar types of legislation," he continued.

Kirby agreed with Leon that California was an important stronghold for gay rights.

"California, I think was our next great hope in terms of equal marriage," she said. "And now that it's completely shut down, it's changed the lives of millions of Californians."

However she said, "At the same time, we showed the world that we can be an understanding and inclusive country, but we've also made statements that counter that."

"My strongest dis-

appointment," Kirby said, "Comes from the fact that people made decisions without understanding what they were really voting for."

Sophomore mechanical engineering major, Tyrus Hairston, is a California native and voted "Yes," for Proposition 8.

"I just feel like it's natural for a male and a female to get married," Hairston said. "And I don't feel it's right for two people of the same sex to legally be married."

When asked about their reaction to Proposition 8, current BLAGOSAH president Amari Ice said, "From the viewpoint of an organization that champions LGBT causes, since there are still so many votes out at this point, around four million, and because this proposition is aimed to take individual's rights away - it's too close to actually say whether or not the proposition has passed."

"If indeed it does pass," Ice said, "we will look to our larger organizational partners, like the Human Rights Campaign, to see what the possible next steps are."

Kirby left a final thought about Proposition 8, "They don't have the same rights as their heterosexual counterparts and it's a shame."

ADVERTISEMENT

**"EVEN MY GRANDMA
READS THE HILLTOP."**

O

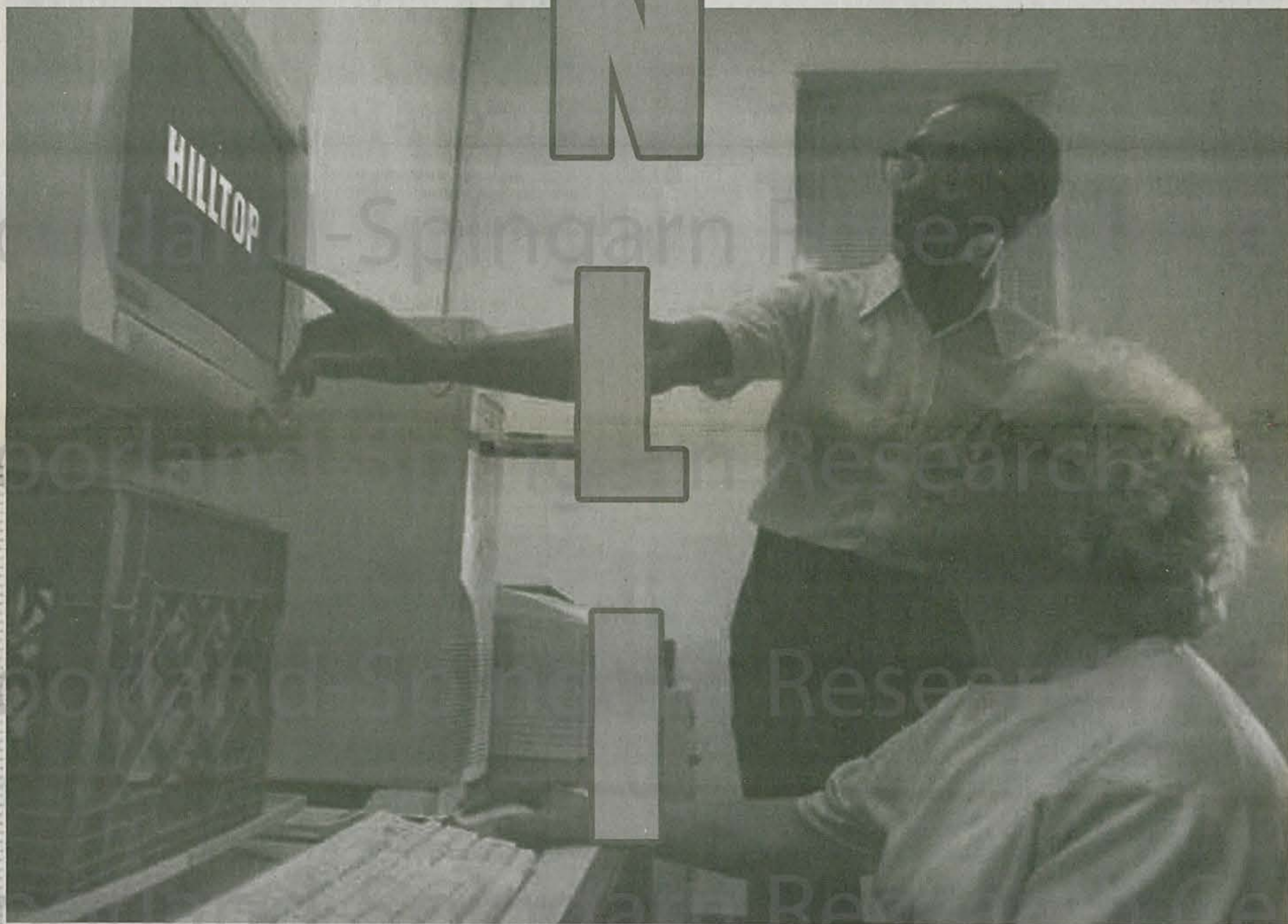
N

L

I

N

E



WWW.THEHILLTOPONLINE.COM

THE HILLTOP

Do you like planning events?

Do you want to contribute the
Howard University
Homecoming Legacy?

Please come by the Office of
Student Activities, Blackburn
Center, and Suite 117 and Pick
up your 2009 Homecoming
Chair and Treasurer
Application today.

All applications are due
November 7, 2008 on or be-
fore 4:00 p.m. "No exceptions"

The Office of Student Activities

Community Notice

Howard University authorizes Membership Intake
for Pan-Hellenic organizations **ONLY** in the
SPRING SEMESTER!

*Any individual who engages or participates in the act of hazing and/or any
unauthorized membership intake activities is in violation of the Student Code of
Conduct and should CEASE and DESIST Immediately!*

The Howard University Student Code of Conduct defines HAZING as

Conduct that causes or intends to cause
psychological, emotional or physical harm
to any person as part of initiation into or
affiliation with any campus-based
organization.



*Please direct any questions related to University membership requirements for
Greek organizations to the Office of Student Activities at 202-806-7000 or visit
the office located in Blackburn University Center Suite 117.*

ATTENTION SOPHOMORES!!!

2009 GOLDMAN SACHS GLOBAL LEADERS PROGRAM

Howard University Information Session

11:00 a.m., Friday, November 7, 2008

Browsing Room, Founders Library

The annual Goldman Sachs Global Leadership Institute in New York provides exceptional, second-year college students with training to enhance their leadership abilities. The program offers a unique international network through which participants can share ideas, learn from established leaders, work collaboratively and address global challenges.

Each year 150 students are selected from 100 top universities and colleges in over 20 countries. Each student selected as a Goldman Sachs Global Leader is awarded a stipend of \$3,000 and given the opportunity to apply for admission to the Global Leadership Institute in New York during July 2009 and to apply for seed funding for projects that address critical social issues.

To be eligible for the Global Leaders program, students must be in their second year of study with a cumulative grade point average of 3.4 or above. They must be nominated by a faculty member or academic advisor who can attest to their academic performance, career and social entrepreneurship interests, leadership ability, community service, and communication skills. Nomination forms, which are available in the offices of the deans of the undergraduate schools and colleges, must be submitted to the Office of the Provost by Friday, December 5, 2008.

A special information session for Howard University sophomores is being held on Friday, November 7 at 11:00 a.m. in the Browsing Room of Founders Library. Representatives from the Global Leaders Program will be available. Refreshments will be served. If you plan to attend, please email Ms. Deborah Elliott at debelliott@howard.edu.

Sponsored by the Office of the Provost
www.provost.howard.edu
202.806.2550

Have you Had Your Daily Dose of

Hill Top Online?



TheHillTopOnline.com



The Biz

A Review - Part I: Creating Better Relationships, Being A Better Influence

BY CHARLES TAYLOR
Contributing Columnist

This week, we'll review the first half of one of the best books ever written on the subject of creating harmonious and useful human interactions — specifically, it offers techniques to influence and change people without arousing resentment. The book has sold 15 million copies globally and was a *New York Times* best seller for 10 years. It also established Dale Carnegie as one of the fathers of the self-help genre. So, without further ado...

How to Win Friends and Influence People.

This book is undoubtedly one of my favorites. It has had a tremendous impact on me and the way I (try to) interact with others. The advice is simple and straightforward, and the message and intent are positive. I read it at least once a year.

The book is broken down into four parts, with each part containing a number of principles. We're just reviewing the first half this week, fundamental techniques in handling people:

- "Don't criticize, condemn or complain."
- "Give honest and sincere appreciation."
- "Arouse in the other person an eager want."

These three fundamental techniques establish the framework for everything that follows. The First Principle is arguably the most important, as it truly encapsulates Carnegie's philosophy. Speak positively of others at every opportunity. Don't err on the side of flattery, but accentuate a person's good points when you have the chance. Finally, figure out what makes a person tick. What are they motivated by? Is it money, power, success, etc.? One of the famous lines in the book is: "Every act you have ever performed since the day you were born was performed because you wanted something." In your interactions with others, especially when you are attempting to persuade them, learn their motivations and frame your interaction around that.

Secondly, and lastly, six ways to make people like you:

- "Become genuinely interested in other people."
- "Smile."
- "Remember that a person's name is to that person the sweetest and most important sound in any language."
- "Be a good listener. Encourage others to talk about themselves."
- "Talk in terms of the other person's interest."
- "Make the other person feel important and do it sincerely."

I have personally found Principles 1, 4, 5 and 6 to be extremely important. People can naturally sense when people are consciously manipulating them or flattering them to get something. It's a skill we learn early on. However, those who have a true, genuine interest in the wants and needs of others — who are truly concerned with their well-being and who speak to their particular motivations — are welcome everywhere they go.

Try to follow these principles every day. You'll be glad you did.

Charles Taylor is the owner of *Origami Genius Company*, which provides free lecture notes, helps students buy and sell used textbooks. Charles can be reached via the company's Web site, www.origami.com.

Big Biz Prepares for Less Friendly Washington

BY KEVIN G. HALL
McClatchy Newspapers

After years of playing offense, big business is getting ready for the less-familiar role of playing defense following President-elect Barack Obama's victory and legislative gains by other Democrats.

Corporate America enjoyed favorable treatment under the Bush administration and for most of the era of Republican control of Congress from 1995 to 2007.

Now, unions may gain a stronger hand, and business is bracing for

greater financial regulation, worker-friendly policies and an emphasis on social spending.

From a guarded view on trade to expanded collective-bargaining rights, there's a new wind blowing through the Capitol and big business groups are bracing for a storm.

One reason they're sure to find a less-sympathetic ear is that members of groups such as the National Association of Manufacturers and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce spent big bucks trying to defeat Democrats in congressional races.

Instead, Democrats expanded their numbers in both chambers. That left these groups on Wednesday trying to put a bright face on results that gave Democrats at least five more Senate seats and 18 new members of the House of Representatives.

"There are many areas of potential cooperation," John Engler, a former Republican governor of Michigan and now the president of the manufacturers' group, said in an optimistic morning-after news conference.

Greg Casey, president of the

Business-Industry Political Action Committee, offered: "It's an opportunity for the American people to ask for competence in government."

Business lobbies can take solace in one important development: Democrats appear to have failed to win enough Senate seats to reach the 60-vote margin needed to cut off debate and force votes on controversial legislation.

This numbers game is important because unions have their eye on rapid passage of the Employee Free Choice Act, which was supported by Obama and Vice President-elect Joe Biden. The legislation would end seven decades of secret balloting during union drives and instead allow organizers to collect signatures from a majority of workers to form a union. This process is called "card check."

"We're very optimistic about an Obama presidency. The Employee Free Choice Act is our No. 1 legislative priority for next year and we are going to be pushing very hard," said Thea Lee, the chief economist for the AFL-CIO. "It was the centerpiece of our electoral efforts...we are very confident that it will happen."

Less than 24 hours after the election, both unions and big business were busy identifying who they'd be pressuring if the issue goes to a vote early next year. Many House members voted for it earlier this year, knowing that it wouldn't pass the Senate.

Now, with a president who won't veto the pro-union legislation, more Democrats in the Senate and Republicans in disarray, it's a different ballgame.

"Next time out it's not going to be

considered a 'free vote' by anybody, so that's a changing dynamic," said R. Bruce Josten, executive vice president of government affairs for the Chamber of Commerce. "I am still positive that we can defeat it."

Manufacturers fear an early vote on the question.

"This is not the time and certainly not the issue to build a relationship," Engler said, suggesting that Obama and Democrats will need big business to help turn around the economy. He identified Virginia's Democratic senator-elect, Mark Warner, a pro-business centrist, as a Democrat he'll be lobbying to block the card-check measure.

While recognizing that unions will have a voice in the White House for the first time in many years, the Chamber's Josten wasn't worried that he won't be heard.

"I had to fight for two years with the Republican majority in Congress on immigration [reform]...the majority of people we were fighting were Republicans," he said. He also recalled that the business group also fought a losing battle against complicated new accounting rules after energy giant Enron's collapse.

With the jobless rate expected to rise above 7 percent before Obama takes office and the economy expected to contract sharply over the 10 weeks until inauguration, Josten thinks that reversing the economic slump will trump any activist agenda.

"It's the economy, the economy and the economy," he said. "Obama is a smart guy and he knows his policies depend on the economy growing."



Zbigniew Bedek • Chicago Tribune (MCT)
President-elect Barack Obama arrives for a meeting at Ariel Investments at the Aon Center in Chicago early Wednesday.

LINENS-N-THINGS FILES BANKRUPTCY

BY JASON CLARK
Contributing Writer

Furnishing a home can be expensive. It was a task that Rosemary Amao was not looking forward to this summer as she moved with a couple friends into their own house.

"Finding a good, low-priced bedroom set wasn't too hard," said Amao. "I just hit up a liquidator for that. It was all the little things like towels and curtains and kitchen stuff and things like that I was finding to be expensive."

Amao struck gold when she learned that Linens-N-Things, one of the nation's leading large-format retailers of home textiles, housewares and home accessories, was closing.

In May, the Clifton, N.J.-based company announced it would be pursuing a voluntary filing under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code.

All over the country, LNT stores are closing and have been having large sales since the announcement.

Prices on items in the store have been slashed anywhere from 20 to 60 percent.

"It was like a gold mine in there," Amao said. "I was able to get a lot of things I needed for the house for a lot less than I might have had to pay before."

One of the reasons the company is filing for Chapter 11 protection is that efficient operations during the United States' economic downturn became extremely challenging.

Although 120 stores are currently closing in the United States, Linens-N-Things has made this move for the future.

The protection the retailer filed for will provide the it with the tools to restructure the balance sheet, revisit certain agreements and position Linens-N-Things for long-term success.

LNT's board of directors has named Michael F. Gries, a noted financial restructuring expert, chief restructuring officer and interim chief executive officer to aid the company financial restructuring.

"Michael Gries is as good as it gets in this area, a nationally recognized leader with the deep experience in driving the financial initiatives necessary to position our company for the future," said Robert J. DiNicola, the executive chairman, in a press release. "I look forward to working with him to help LNT reach its full potential."

The company has a line of stores in Canada that is not included in the bankruptcy filing.

The Canadian stores are among the strongest performers in the chain and the company said there were no plans for a similar filing for those stores.

"We are the number one home-specialty store in Canada and our Canadian stores have delivered strong sales and productivity growth and profitability," DiNicola said.

He said that the company's Canadian stores are not a part of the Chapter 11 bankruptcy process in the United States.

For some, such as junior Jalita Henry, the store's closing has no impact.

"If I need something along those lines, I just go to Target or Wal-Mart," Henry said.

"My roommate, though, [shops] there all the time," she added.



Richard Lee • Detroit Free Press (MCT)

Ann Mann piles items into a shopping cart at a Linens-N-Things in West Bloomfield, Mich.

Amao may not be a big fan of the company, but she does recognize the opportunity.

"It's not a place I'll visit often,"

she said, "but right now, while they're selling big, I will be there getting anything I need for the house when I need it."

Have a business or technology-related story idea for this section?

Send them to HilltopBT@gmail.com, or come to Budget Meetings in the Hilltop Editorial Office held every Sunday at 6 p.m.

Absentee Ballots Offer Convenience for Students

BY LAKENDRA SMITH
Contributing Writer

As many Howard University students watched millions of citizens head to the polls to cast votes in person, they hoped their absentee ballots were just as effective.

"I think there is a lot that can go wrong with voting absentee, but it is pretty much the only alternative that students have to vote," said Janelle Doby, a junior broadcast journalism major from

Orlando, Fla., who voted absentee.

"Hopefully there won't be too much controversy over absentee ballots," she continued.

The absentee voting method was established so that people could vote outside of the states they were registered in.

Although the absentee method was created for convenience, many absentee voters have mixed feelings about the process.

"After hearing stories of people standing in lines for hours to vote, it

gives me an appreciation for the quicker method of voting absentee," said Royce Strahan, a print journalism major from Chicago, Ill.

Myths of the absentee voting method made some people weary.

Jasmine Tate, a junior pre-medicine major from Chicago, Ill., believed a myth that absentee ballots are not counted as a primary ballot.

However, absentee ballots are counted just as any other vote, whether cast through mail, during early voting or

in person on Election Day.

"I think that the absentee process is a good thing, especially for college students. I almost didn't get a chance to vote, but thanks to absentee, I was able to," said Curtis McCloud, a junior broadcast journalism major from Columbus, Ga.

Courtney Robinson, a sophomore from the Bay Area in California, is excited because this is her first time voting.

"To cast a vote in the most historical election is surreal to me," Robinson said.

She continued, "Absentee voting is great because otherwise I wouldn't be able to vote," she said.

Absentee voting holds a different place in the minds of many students, not only on Howard's campus but on the campuses of colleges and universities across the country.

Many students were not fortunate enough to go home to vote on Election Day. Absentee ballots were the their only option to vote in the historic election.



Chuck Myers-US News (MCT)

Prior to Jan. 4, 2009 when Metro switches exclusively to SmarTrip cards, riders received paper transfers that allowed them to ride the busses free for an allotted time period. This switch will make Metro function more efficiently.

Metrorail, Metrobus to Eliminate Paper Transfers in January

SmarTrip cards will save riders money, increase the system's overall reliability and end fraud associated with paper transfers

BY OLIVIA EVERSON
Contributing Writer

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority will be eliminating paper bus transfers on Jan. 4, 2009.

The initiative is designed to save money and encourage Metrorail and Metrobus riders to invest in SmarTrip cards.

SmarTrip cards will replace bus transfers. Customers will be required to have one when transferring buses, or they will have to pay full price.

The new system of using SmarTrip cards will eliminate fraud and long boarding lines (thus keeping buses on schedule). It will save money for both

riders and Metro.

"The move was announced over a year ago and will save Metro \$350,000 a year," said Steven Taubenkibel, public information officer for Metro.

Metro will save thousands in the cost of printing, maintenance and machine repairs, Taubenkibel added.

"The switch will improve our overall reliability and eliminate the fraud and abuse associated with paper transfer that has been going on for years," Taubenkibel said.

He added that people have been stealing paper transfers from buses or have been passing them to others, acts that have caused problems for Metro officials.

Transit police arrested a man weeks ago when he walked off with four books of transfer tickets and began selling them in Metro stations, he said.

SmarTrip cards also save riders 10 cents on each bus ride, and customers will be able to transfer free from bus to bus. In addition, SmarTrip cards save riders 35 cents on Metrorail rides.

Ja Chane, a Metro employee at the Rhode Island Avenue Metro Station, believes that encouraging riders to switch to SmarTrip is a good idea.

"It will take a lot of stress off employees," he said. He expressed his frustration with customer complaints regarding the paper Metro cards that often get demagnetized.

"Customers get angry at me when their cards stop working and it's frustrating because there is nothing we can do for them on the spot," Chane said.

Metrorail has set forth a campaign to inform riders about the forthcoming changes. "Change Is Not As Good," can be read on billboards in the stations.

Mark Stone of Northwest D.C., a frequent Metrorail rider, supports the idea of exclusive use of SmarTrip cards.

"It's about time," Stone said. "I heard about this a while ago. There are so many issues surrounding the paper transfers."

He added that people are fre-

quently allowed to ride the bus with a transfer even though the time allocated to transfer has passed.

"Metro is losing money with the paper transfers. A SmarTrip card is a lot easier to regulate," Stone continued.

SmarTrip cards cost \$5 and can be purchased from SmarTrip machines at Metro stations across the D.C., Maryland and Virginia area.

The cards can also be bought online at Metroopensdoors.com or at Metro Center sales offices including those in the Metro Center Station and the Pentagon Station.

Southeast D.C. Shelter Takes Homeless, Underprivileged to Polls

BY LAKENDRA SMITH
Contributing Writer

A Southeast Washington, D.C., shelter made it possible for the homeless and underprivileged to vote in one of the most historic elections in America.

The House of Hope, established by Bishop Shirley Holloway at 2322 16th St. S.E., is a facility for the homeless and those who have abused alcohol and drugs.

Bishop Holloway organized transportation for people of the facility and the neighborhood to make sure they

were able to get to the polls on Election Day.

Those who live in the facility and attend the Bishop's church knew about the transportation ahead of time.

Many people in the neighborhood, however, were informed of the service the day of the election.

"Without help, there's no hope," Bishop Holloway said.

Transporting people to the polling place allowed Bishop Holloway to help more people contribute to history and be heard this election season.

First-time voter Alonzo Whitter, 52, was able to vote because of the transportation and help he received from Bishop Holloway and the facility.

Whitter said that if it weren't for the shelter and the Bishop, he would not have voted.

Troy Spencer, a resident of the House of Hope, said, "I used to run the streets and sell crack, where I became subject to my own madness."

"Back then, I wouldn't have thought about voting," Spencer continued.

Lamont Daniels, 27, also a first-time voter and resident of the shelter, said that he appreciates the Bishop for opening doors and inspiring people of the facility to vote. He also thanked the Bishop for helping them get to the polls.

Many residents praise Holloway's work and determination during the election season.

"I love her idea, period. I love the vision and things she does for the people," said resident Regina Bivens-Logan.

"She makes sure that your needs are met," Bivens Logan continued. "She

makes us feel good about ourselves."

"The things she teaches and does, keep us," she added.

The ballots are in, polling places are closed and the election season is over.

Historically, the 2008 elections have been some of the most ground breaking in terms of candidates and voter turnout.

The House of Hope contributed to America's history by allowing the underprivileged and often never-heard citizens to have loud, clear voices.

The Dirt



BY LENZY BETTERES
Contributing Columnist

In light of the election of our country's first African-American president, I have a mix of anger and elation because of two things. 1. I'm mad that the plane ticket I bought to Canada in case **Sen. John McCain** won is non-refundable and 2. I'm glad that I do not have to riot. If **Sen. Barack Obama** was not our 44th president, I'd be obligated as a black man to break some stuff.

Oprah Winfrey was interviewed on the Ed Love Morning Show and explained that her early endorsement of Obama saved a piece of her soul and could have jeopardized her legendary talk show.

"I'm glad I used my voice," Oprah says. "What I decided early on was that even if I lost every sponsor on the show... There is a wonderful bible passage that says, 'What does it do for a man to gain the world and lose his soul' and if I didn't come out for Barack Obama when I did, I knew I would have lost a piece of my soul."

She goes on to explain the hate calls her staff received after she denied **Gov. Sarah Palin** an appearance on her show.

"They had never been called so many N-words so many times. It was bad. Like, go back to Africa kind of bad. We're going to lynch you bad," she said.

My guess is that half of those calls were from Joe Six-Pack and Sarah Palin after they had a couple of rounds at Applebees.

Apparently, I wasn't the only one planning to flee if McCain were to make it into office. **M.I.A.** and **Akon** both vowed to leave the country if Obama didn't win!

"If he [Obama] doesn't get into office, I'm gonna change my citizenship," Akon said. "I'm moving back to Africa. You can hold me to that. I'm afraid to live here if he [McCain] is president. The decisions he makes scares me. He's making selfish decisions; he's doing whatever it takes to get into office."

M.I.A. claimed, "If McCain gets voted in, then I'm outta here quicker than anyone can say Obama. I'm here because it's an interesting time. It's important to be here watching and saying to people, 'Look, your country has been so dumb for eight years. If you [mess] up one more time, that's a whole generation of dumb people.'"

Am I the only one who wouldn't mind if Akon left anyway?

In other news, **Lil' Wayne** is not dead. There was a rumor circulating around the internet, spurred by a fake BBC News page, claiming that Wayne's body was found riddled with bullets, as a result of a gang dispute. Hmm... I'm gonna guess that the only way this man is going out is gonna be because of a little white cup.

Betteres provides more daily content at Lenzism.com.

Beautiful Nails Require Maintenance, Money

BY CHELSEA TAYLOR
Contributing Writer

Whether prepping for an event or getting ready for an interview, having beautiful nails and touchable hands are near the very top of Christina Curry's to-do list. She prides herself on her hands, but admits that she has sometimes put nail appearance before her nail health.

"I've had them so long, my nails just will not grow without acrylics," Christina Curry said. Curry, a junior psychology major, has been going to the nail salon since the 8th grade.

"My mother first took me, and I have been getting acrylics every three weeks ever since," Curry said.

Many young ladies like Curry have built pampering into their budgets and yearly are spending hundreds of dollars on nail care. Nowadays, however, it isn't just the ladies getting pampered.

"I have a thing for beautiful hands," said Robert Okoweno, a sophomore advertising major. "I get my nails manicured once a month and I'm not ashamed of it."

Nail salons in D.C. and around the country provide a wide variety of services from manicures to waxing. Michelle Koh, a supervisory nail technician at a nail salon in Georgetown says that as far as her salon's clientele, there are four main services performed on a regular basis.

"Most people come in for a basic manicure, acrylics and gel nails, with or without tips and pink and white," said Koh.

According to Koh, a basic manicure, which is the cheapest service and generally runs anywhere between \$10 and \$12, is the soaking, filing and shaping of the nails and the application of nail polish. She described acrylic nails as a mixture of a polymer powder and a liquid monomer which begins to harden seconds after application and continues to harden typically for more than an hour.

"Acrylic nails are finished the way a basic manicure is completed," Koh said.

Gel nails are made of resin and are hardened under ultraviolet light. According to Koh, this nail service is typically more expensive, has a much longer process and can't be removed like acrylics and therefore is not for everyone.

The fourth nail service which Koh described was, pink and white. "Pink and white is colored acrylic applied to the nail which does not need to be polished, but rather, buffed to a shine," said Koh.

Depending on whom you ask, nail technicians have various reasons for get-

ting into the business.

"I wasn't made for college and there will always be money in the beauty industry," Koh said. "I wanted something stable, and I found it."

Koh also says that in addition to their focus on beautiful nails, her salon stresses nail care. "Realistically, problems can arise from some of our services if applied improperly or mistreated," Koh said.

"Infection is most common," Koh said. "It usually happens when clients use

their acrylics as tools and the acrylic separates from the natural nail, allowing dirt and water to become trapped between the two."

Koh suggests that clients treat their acrylics as they would their natural nails and perform their actions carefully. She also suggests not wearing artificial nails for more than three months at a time and allowing one month for natural nails to "breathe."

"If your nails become yellow or brittle, you might want to consider taking

the acrylics off altogether," Koh said.

Although business is booming on a regular basis, Koh wanted to remind men that nail care is nothing to be afraid of.

"We don't get many men customers," Koh said. "They think they are too manly to get their nails done, but who doesn't love soft hands?"

Okoweno agrees. "Nails say a lot about a person, male or female, and nice hands can open many doors for you, literally and figuratively," he said.



When getting acrylic nails, it is imperative that one takes good care of them so infection doesn't occur. They should only be treated as if they were the natural nail. Natural nails should also get a break from artificial nails every couple of months.

STREET SMARTS 101 Managing Credit

BY JESSICA MORRIS
Contributing Writer

The stock market is teetering, financial hope is lingering and many people are falling victim to a financial crisis. Students are finding the harsh realities of credit management and the effects bad money management can have on one's future.

"When I first turned 18, I wanted to get a credit card because I figured I could use the money now and pay it back when I could," said Jennifer Grove, a junior psychology major. "At one point, I couldn't afford to pay it anymore so I just stopped paying it. Now my credit is horrible and I can't qualify for student loans or apartment leases, and I feel like I am sinking into a hole I just can't get out of."

Grove's story, though sad, is a common story among college students.

"I know plenty of friends that are already over \$2,000 in debt just because of credit cards," said Kristal Morgan, a senior English major. "My friends just have worse and worse debt stories each year.... I have even had to use mine more recently with the price of school books and general cost of living at such a high."

According to Cynthia Wilson of American Financial Solution, 55 percent of college students get their first credit card their freshman year.

"On average, an incoming freshman with no debt in September will have about \$1,500 in credit card debt by May," Wilson said.

Wilson stresses the importance of paying bills on time.

"Even being just a little late can begin to mess up your credit score," said Wilson. "I recommend that all students get continual copies of their credit scores so they always know where they stand."

Students can get these credit scores at sites such as annualcreditreport.com

and consumerinfo.com.

Poor credit standing can have a lasting effect. Luckily, there are many steps to be taken early on to provide protection from early financial ruins.

"You should shop for the best credit card with the best rate and best term, and try and avoid annual fees," said David Anderson, a Bank of America financial advisor. "You should just have one card for emergency use and you can put it somewhere where you know you won't be tempted to use it for unnecessary reasons, like shopping or unnecessary trips out to eat."

Anderson tells students to pay off any expenses that have been charged on the credit card in full.

"The sooner you can pay it off the better for your interest rate and for your credit score; you shouldn't be spending any more on your credit card than you can afford to pay each month," he said.

Anderson also recommends that all students have a specific monthly budget and keep track of all of their expenses.

"Using a budget can help you visualize and keep track of the ongoing equation, how much income do you have and how many expenses you have," he said.

If a student finds themselves to be in debt there are still many steps that can be taken to get out before you are in too deep.

"Get a copy of your credit score and consult with a debt management specialist," Wilson said. "You can then work together to create a plan that will work for you to rebuild your credit; it's best to get your credit together as early as possible."

Senior computer engineering major, Clifton Lomax, knows the importance of keeping track of his credit score.

"I've seen the effects of bad credit, and I know I don't want that to happen to me," Lomax said.

To Make Balancing Credit Easier...

1. Use only one credit card. With more than one credit card, there is more temptation to rack up debt.

2. Use credit cards for emergency use only. Don't charge for clothes or entertainment goods.

3. Keep track of your credit score through online sites.

4. Sign up for online alerts if your bank provides an online service.

5. Avoid free offers or discounts that come with signing up for credit cards. Even if you plan to cancel these types of cards, you may hurt your credit standing.

- Aleesa Mann, Life & Style editor



Charles Metz III - Cartoonist

U.S. Criminal Justice System in Need of Reevaluation, Scrutiny

Although rallies have taken place and articles have been published, we, at *The Hilltop*, have yet to express our opinion on the case of Troy Anthony Davis.

In 1991, Davis was convicted of killing a Savannah, Georgia police officer named Mark Allen MacPhail and sentenced to death row. Davis' conviction was based solely off of eye witness testimony and since then, seven of the nine witnesses have recanted their testimonies.

To sentence someone to death based on faulty testimony and lack of evidence is wrong, inhumane and cruel and unusual punishment. Although Davis admitted to being at the scene of the crime, he stated that another man, named Sylvester Coles, actually shot the victim.

World renowned figures such as former president Jimmy Carter, Pope Benedict XVI, Congressman Bob Barr and Rev. Al

Sharpston are among those who have fought on behalf of Davis to keep him alive and ensure that he receives a fair trial before he is executed. On Oct. 24, 2008 the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals issued a 25-day stay of execution for Davis.

Our View:
Troy Davis deserves the right to a fair and accurate trial, despite his prior convictions.

The death penalty is a controversial punishment that raises questions of morality and the right to take another human being's life. A victim's family might whole-heartedly believe that the convicted assailant deserves to die, but others might believe that the government has no right to decide whether or not a person lives or dies.

The issue at hand in this situation is not the death penalty; it is an issue of fairness and accuracy. The United States criminal justice system has a habit of contradicting itself. We pride ourselves on being a nation that provides equal treatment and justice for all those who fall subject to the system.

For nearly 18 years, Troy Davis has had to live every day of his life as a literal countdown to his last day on earth. Although Davis was involved in criminal activity on the night of MacPhail's murder, no sufficient evidence has been provided that would prove his guilt.

As humane citizens of a country that promotes equality and fairness, we must hold our criminal justice system accountable for its inconsistencies.

Keeping Up with The Huxtables

Alumna Brandi Womack

At Howard University and in the African-American community, you can occasionally see people holding up their fists, wearing a button that has the black fist on it or saying "Black Power" when there is some type of event that might be discussing black issues. And Barack Obama has people holding up their fists who have never held up their fists before.

But, does everyone who uses "Black Power" understand where it came from? Allow me to take you back in history for a moment towards the end of the Civil Rights Movement. This was the point when the movement went from non-violent to the urban riots. Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), Stokely Carmichael, a former Howard University student, changed history.

The book, *Race Beat*, tells that on the night of June 17, in the Mississippi Delta town of Greenwood, Stokely Carmichael stood before a crowd of marchers, journalists and local blacks shortly after he was arrested and released by local police. "Every courthouse in Mississippi ought to be burned down to get rid of the dirt," he said.

"This is the 27th time I have been arrested," he added. "I ain't going to jail no more. The only way we gonna stop them white men from whipping us, is to take over. We been saying, 'Freedom Now' for six years and we ain't got nothin'. What we gonna start saying now is Black Power."

Willie Ricks, a SNCC staffer who styled himself as a black nationalist and had been using the term "Black Power" for months, stepped onto the platform and shouted to the crowd, "What do you want?" "Black Power," the crowd shouted back. Carmichael also issued a challenge, of sorts, to reporters in front of him. "I don't think the newsmen can interpret me," he said, "because they aren't black."

There was acceptance and criticism of this term. John Lewis, the former SNCC chairman, thought that "Black Power" could divide the races and the movement. Martin Luther King, Jr. felt that the term, at best, was an unfortunate choice of words. Roy Wilkins of the NAACP was outraged. He called Black Power "the father of hatred and the mother of violence." But many blacks felt



that it helped them come together more, appreciate their race and get the attention of white America.

During a time where African Americans still struggle for equal rights, do you think that the use of "Black Power" is necessary? Do you think it promotes unity or promotes hatred? Whatever the meaning of the words, somehow we need to continue to unify as a race like we did on Nov. 4. Black Power should now mean that blacks have the power to come together as a race — there is nothing negative about that.

- The Socialite
www.imkeepingup.com

Daily Sudoku

Directions:

Each row, each column and each 3x3 box must contain each and every digit 1-9 exactly once.

			9	1				4
	5		2		7	1	3	
							5	9
			3			7	1	
5								8
7	8			2				
3	4							
	2	6	3		8		9	
9			4	5				

Do you want to write for
The Hilltop?

Come to our next budget meeting!

Sunday @ 6 p.m. in the West Towers

THE HILLTOP

The Nation's Only Black Daily Collegiate Newspaper

Vanessa Rozier

Editor-In-Chief

Danielle Kwateng

Managing Editor

Traver Riggins

Managing Editor

Mercia Williams-Murray

Deputy Managing Editor

Shivonne Foster

Campus Editor

Linsey Isaacs

Assistant Campus Editor

Christina L. Burton

Business & Technology Editor

Crystal J. Allen

Copy Chief

Afiya Hosten

Assistant Copy Chief

Cierra Jones

Jenise Cameron

Nina Goodwine

Copy Editor

Jessica Littles

Special Issues Editor

Aleesa Mann

Life & Style Editor

Deontay Morris

Sports Editor

Flynne Bailey

Editorials & Perspectives

Editor

Chris Holiman

Multimedia Editor

Eboni Farmer

Online Editor

Charles Metz III

Cartoonist

Jada F. Smith

Nation & World Editor

Natalie Thompson

Metro Editor

Travis White

Faraday Okoro

Bree Gant

Jazelle Hunt

Brandon Washington

Photographers

Lenzy Betters

Layout Editor

Kandace Barker

Business Manager

Adedamola Ademiluyi

Advertising Manager

Morgan Brown

Graphic Design Manager

The Hilltop encourages its readers to share their opinions with the newspaper through letters to the editor or perspectives. All letters should include a complete address and telephone number and should be sent electronically on our Web site at www.thehilltoponline.com.

Any inquiries for advertisements or Hilltopics should be directed to The Hilltop Business Office.

THE HILLTOP

2251 Sherman Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20001

(202) 806-4724 (Editorial)

(202) 806-4749 (Business)

hilltopcic@gmail.com

hilltopbusiness@gmail.com

Now in its 84th year, *The Hilltop* is published Monday through Friday by Howard University students. With a readership of 7,000, *The Hilltop* is the largest black collegiate newspaper in the nation.

The opinions expressed on the Editorial & Perspectives page are the views of the *The Hilltop* Editorial Board and those of the authors and do not necessarily represent Howard University or its administration.

The Hilltop reserves the right to edit letters for space and grammatical errors and any inappropriate, libelous or defamatory content. All letters must be submitted a week prior to publication.

Want your voice heard?

Submit your perspective to
hilltopeditorials@gmail.com

(Please include your full name,
classification and major)

The Hilltop prints every day. The first 20 words are \$10 and .25 for each additional word.

All classifieds must be submitted and paid for 5 business days in advance.

We accept payment in the form of cashier's checks, money orders, and company checks. **NO CASH**

Any questions? Contact The Hilltop Business Office at 202 806 4749 or email us at hilltopbusiness@gmail.com.

The Ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Alpha Chapter and the Brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Chapter presents Blue and White Week 2008 Family TIZ: Rebuilding the Black Household.

Thursday November 6 "Super-size Your Dreams: The Key to Wealth Management and Entrepreneurship" Founder's Browning Room 7pm

AMA Week 2008

Thursday, November 6th
Ogilvy

6:30 pm
Blackburn
Gallery Lounge
(Business Attire)

Pick up your application for 2009 HUHSC Chair and Treasurer in OStudent Activities Suite 117 today!

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

-Barack Obama

CircleK International Membership Induction Saturday, November 8, 2008 will be followed by a Call to Chapel on Sunday, November 9, 2008

The Ladies of Alpha Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Present... The 17th Annual Woman to Woman Conference Fundraiser Thursday, November 6, 2008 1216 18th Street, NW 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 15% of all purchases benefit the 17th Annual Woman to Woman Conference Obtain flyer from any chapter member



chix

(11th st. NW
btwn U and V)

offers all-natural latin rotisserie chicken and vegetarian meals. eating responsibly is about being good to your body and to the earth.

lunch specials m-f 11:30-4
(students/staff take extra \$1 off)

- 1/4 chicken, side, drink \$7.49
- lunch wrap, drink \$7.49
- bison tues and thurs = chicken sandwich and drink \$7.49

more info:
www.chixdc.com
202.234.2449

- * free wi-fi
- * dine-in or take-out lunch and dinner
- * happy hour beer and wine specials
- * minutes from campus
- * soups, salads, wraps, chicken meals

WHY ADVERTISE??? BECAUSE IT WORKS!!!

THIS SPACE COULD BE YOURS! CONTACT THE BUSINESS OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE TODAY!!!

hilltopbusiness@gmail.com



TOWN HALL MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT RIBEAU

Thursday, November 6, 2008
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
RM 3019 IN THE Medical School



WWW.HUBAONLINE.COM

UNDERGRADUATES ONLY

MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

HOWARD UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION
(Blackburn Suite 102)



PURE LOUNGE FORMELY BAR NUN

DOORS OPEN
6PM PARTY TIL 3AM

HAPPY HOUR
FROM 6PM TIL 9PM WITH
1.00 DRINKS
2 4 1 MARTINIS

COMPLIMENTARY DRINKS
FOR LADIES FROM 11PM TIL MIDNIGHT
IN THE RED LOUNGE

FREE WITH EMAIL OR FLYER ALL NIGHT

FOR BIRTHDAY PARTIES AND BOTTLE SERVICE CONTACT
MIKEWALKER@TMAIL.COM OR TEXT 202-725-2638



PURE
1100 11th St. NW WASHINGTON DC

PURELOUNGEDC.COM | FOR MORE INFO 202-725-2638